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Re: Summary of Site Visit with California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Oasis Meeting Facility/Senior Center Project, Orcutt, California

Ms. Campbell:

This correspondence summarizes our field visit to the “Oasis” project site last Tuesday, February 12, 2019. You and I met Dan Blankenship of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to review details of the project design and content of the Biological Assessment prepared by Storrer Environmental Services (SES 2016). We also discussed CDFW’s letter in response to the Notice of Preparation for the Environmental Impact Report.

Our reconnaissance was also intended to make a general assessment of site conditions to determine if there were any substantial changes in biological resources since the field work for the Biological Assessment was completed in spring of 2016.

We walked the area proposed for development, using site plans for reference. We discussed potential for occurrence of five wildlife species of special concern: monarch butterfly; California tiger salamander; California red-legged frog; coast horned lizard; and Northern California legless lizard. Regional and site-specific status of each of these species is discussed in the Biological Assessment.

Mr. Blankenship asked what discharge system was to be used for the proposed retention basin at the west end of the property. He indicated that a Streambed Alteration Agreement might be necessary if improvements were to be made within the riparian corridor associated with Orcutt Creek.

My assessment of site conditions confirmed that no appreciable changes to biological resources have occurred in the 2+ years since the field surveys were completed. Thus the descriptions and conclusions of the Biological Assessment (SES 2016) remain valid.

Reference

Storrer Environmental Services. 2016. Biological Assessment for the Oasis Meeting Facility/Senior Center, Orcutt, Santa Barbara County, California. November.

Please call me if you have any questions concerning this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Storrer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "S".

John Storrer
Storrer Environmental Services, LLC